



Kirkland Plant List

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Evergreen, except as noted in descriptions.

<i>Arbutus unedo</i> Strawberry Tree	12/8	S	•	•	•	•	•		The edible fruit is eaten by birds and can be used in preserves. Blooms in the off-season and produces red-orange 1/2"-1" fruit.
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i> Kinnikinnick	1/6	G	•	•			•	•	Leaves turn red in winter; has pink or red berries and white to pink flowers. Good for planting on slopes. Desirable and easily available.
<i>Buxus sempervirens</i> Boxwood	6/6	S		•	•	•	•		Forms into a rounded mound; blooms in April to May with a light fragrance.
<i>Camellia japonica</i> Camellia	8/8	S			•	•	•		Gorgeous flowers can be used for in-home arrangements; native to Japan and China.
<i>Chaenomeles</i> spp. Flowering Quince	6/8	S		•			•		Upright branching and horizontal spread over time. Deciduous.
<i>Cistus</i> spp. Rockrose	4/6	S/G	•	•	•		•		Very drought resistant; used as both a low shrub and groundcover. White, purple, and pink flowers available.



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<i>Chamaecyparis obtusa</i> "Nana" Dwarf Hinoki Cypress	6/3	S			•	•		•	A great accent plant because of its unique foliage.
<i>Cotoneaster dammeri</i> Bearberry Cotoneaster	1/10	G	•		•	•		•	Similar in appearance to our native Kinnikinnick, this groundcover is fast-spreading with white flowers and red berries.
<i>Cotoneaster franchettii</i> Cotoneaster	8/8	S	•		•			•	Wide arched branches, white flowers, and red ornamental berries.
<i>Enkianthus campanulatus</i> Enkianthus	6/4	S		•	•	•	•	•	Vertical upright branching, attractive blooms and fall color. Deciduous.
<i>Erica</i> spp. Heather species	1/4	G			•	•		•	A range of winter and spring heathers are available.
<i>Euonymus fortunei radicans</i> Common Wintercreeper	1/4	G	•	•	•	•		•	Sprawling growth. Some loss of leaves in winter, but still a tough plant.



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<i>Gaultheria shallon</i> Salal	2/4	G		•	•	•	•	•	•	Dark, glossy leaves. Berries provide food for birds. Highly desirable and easily available; in shade it grows over 4 feet tall.
<i>Garrya elliptica</i> Coast Silktassel	8/6	G	•		•	•		•		Long creamy white flower tassels in winter. Native to Oregon.
<i>Hamamelis mollis</i> Chinese Witch Hazel	10/8	S			•	•		•		Use this as a spreading background plant; very fragrant yellow winter blooms. Deciduous.
<i>Hypericum calycinum</i> St. John's Wort	1/4	G	•		•	•		•		Yellow blooms help make up for the need to trim the brown leaves in late winter.
<i>Iberis sempervirens</i> Evergreen Candytuft	1/3	G	•		•	•		•		A tough, long-standing rockery plant with prolific white blooms.
<i>Ilex crenata</i> Japanese Holly	4/4	S			•	•		•		Many forms and varieties from 2-10 feet tall/wide. Good evergreen hedge with black berries.



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<i>Ilex cornuta</i> Chinese Holly	6/4	S			•	•		•	Another attractive screen plant with some varieties providing red berries.
<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> 'Nana' Dwarf Yaupon	2/4	G			•	•		•	Low dwarf groundcover/shrub with a formal look and dark green leaves.
<i>Juniperus</i> spp. Juniper species	1/6	G	•		•			•	Over 40 types of groundcover Junipers are tough and drought tolerant. Not for planters smaller than 6 feet. Does not prune easily.
<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> Mountain Laurel	6/6	S				•		•	A relative of rhododendrons with attractive pink, white, and red flowers from dwarf to tall varieties.
<i>Ligustrum japonicum</i> Japanese Privet	6/4	S				•		•	Medium to dark waxy evergreen leaves; white creamy blooms followed by small black berries.
<i>Mahonia (Berberis) aquifolium</i> Tall Oregon Grape	6/4	S	•		•	•	•	•	The leaves of the Tall Oregon Grape look like holly. The berries are dark blue and good in jelly. Highly desirable and easily available.



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<i>Mahonia (Berberis) nervosa</i> Low Oregon Grape	2/4	G	•		•	•	•	•	Low, spreading native groundcover. Does best in shaded areas; blue berries. Highly desirable and easily available.
<i>Myrica californica</i> Pacific Wax Myrtle	8/6	S		•	•	•	•	•	A good evergreen native screen plant. Winter damaged at 15 degrees Fahrenheit.
<i>Nandina domestica</i> Heavenly Bamboo	4/3	S		•	•		•		Despite its name, this is not a bamboo; it's in the barberry family. Lacy leaves color to crimson in winter.
<i>Osmanthus delavayi</i> Delavay Osmanthus	6/6	S		•	•		•		Very small, very fragrant spring blooms. An excellent screen plant.
<i>Pachysandra terminalis</i> Japanese Ground Spurge	1/4	G			•	•	•		Best in rich, moist prepared soil and shade. Yellow in the sun.
<i>Photinia x fraseri</i> Photinia	8/8	S	•	•	•				Red leaves in new growth turn reddish green. A common hedge plant.



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<i>Pieris japonica</i> Lily of the Valley Shrub	6/6	S				•		•	Fragrant blooms. Some varieties have bright red new foliage that turns to green.
<i>Pinus mugo mughus</i> Dwarf Mugho Pine	3/4	G	•		•	•		•	A low shrub/groundcover that grows slowly in sunny locations.
<i>Podocarpus macrophyllus</i> Yew Pine	10/8	S			•	•		•	Grows slowly up to 25'+ as a screen hedge or a small tree.
<i>Polystichum munitum</i> Sword Fern	3/3	G	•			•	•	•	Does best in shade, fronds are dark green, gray-green on underside. Highly desirable and easily available.
<i>Prunus lusitanica</i> Portugal Laurel	12/10	S	•		•	•		•	A fast-growing attractive hedge or small tree. Glossy dark leaves and white blooms.
<i>Pyracantha</i> spp. Firethorn	varies	S	•		•	•			Used as a flowering shrub or espaliered onto a trellis or fence. Long-lasting red berry clusters.



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<i>Raphiolepis indica</i> Indian Hawthorn	4/4	S	•		•	•		•	New leaves tinged red turn glossy dark green; many forms and flower colors. Frost damaged at 16-18 degrees Fahrenheit.
<i>Rhododendron</i> spp. Rhododendron	varies	S				•			Hundreds of possibilities suited to varying space and sun exposure.
<i>Ribes sanguineum</i> Red Flowering Currant	6/4	S				•		•	Blooms May through June with white to dark pink flowers. Highly desirable and available.
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> Rosemary	3/6	S/G	•		•				Herb used in cooking. Must have good drainage. Choose frost-resistant varieties.
<i>Rubus pentalobus (calycinoides)</i> Bramble	1/6	G			•				Small white flowers and salmon red berries. Emerald Carpet is a common variety.



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<i>Sarcococca</i> spp. Sweet Box	2/5	S/G	•		•				Glossy leaves and fragrant winter blooms; red or black fruit.
<i>Skimmia japonica</i> Japanese Skimmia	3/4	S/G				•	•	•	White lightly-fragranced blooms and red berries on pollinated female plants. Prone to insects.
<i>Spiraea</i> spp. Spiraea	4/6	S		•	•	•		•	Many species and varieties of deciduous flowering shrubs. Pink and white blooms.
<i>Taxus</i> spp. Yew	varies	S	•		•	•	•	•	Many species suited to sun or shade as shrubs or low trees.
<i>Thuja occidentalis</i> Emerald Green Arborvitae	10/3	S			•			•	An improved narrow Arborvitae that stays darker green in winter. For narrow strips.
<i>Umbellularia californica</i> California Bay	15/12	S	•			•	•		Adapts to deep shade; needs little water. A good screen plant. Leaves can be used in cooking.



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<i>Vaccinium ovatum</i> Evergreen Huckleberry	10/4	S				•	•		•	Prefers shade; if planted in sun, soil must be moist. Highly desirable and easily available.
<i>Viburnum davidii</i> David's Viburnum	3/3	S/G				•		•		Large dark green leaves; white flower clusters lead to metallic turquoise blue fruit.
<i>Viburnum tinus</i> Laurustinus	6/5	S			•	•		•		Long bloom season in fall, winter, and early spring. Good screen. Summer berries.